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To the NRC:

I COMPLETELY OPPOSE THE DEREGULATION OF ANY AND ALL NUCLEAR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS and I ESPECIALLY OPPOSE ANY SYSTEM OF "ACCEPTABLE DOSES" OR "STANDARDS" FOR ANY SUCH RELEASES. THERE IS NO LEVEL OF RADIATION THAT IS SAFE. EVERY TINY AMOUNT OF RADIATION DOES DAMAGE TO THE HUMAN BODY, INCLUDING CELL AND DNA DAMAGE!

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You should read the book No Immediate Danger by Canadian physicist Rosalie Bertell before you even consider allowing the deregulation of radioactive nuclear materials. (The book is available from The Book Publishing Company, in Summertown, TN).

Dr. Bertell documents that there is NO LEVEL OF RADIATION THAT IS SAFE!

Further, she predicted the increase of low-level birth defects, increases in allergies, thyroid dysfunction, earlier cancers, and other radiation-related illnesses that we now have. At the time that her book was published, she documented that the U.S. had TWICE THE BACKGROUND RADIATION LEVEL THAN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE OF NORTH AMERICA DUE TO ALL THE NUCLEAR TESTING DONE BY THE U.S.

The deregulation of these radioactive materials will contribute to the background level of radiation and disperse into homes, local environments, communities and workplaces.

This deregulation would result in drastic increases in cancers in younger and younger people, immune disorders, birth defects, mild genetic defects such as allergies, thyroid dysfunction, breast cancer in particular (because this kind of tissue is more susceptible,) etc.

You will be signing your grandchildren's early death warrant if you do this. Please read and educate yourself!

I am absolutely disgusted by the failure of our government agencies to care about the safety and health of our families and communities! This is one more example of such unpatriotic and inexcusable behavior! This kind of deregulation should never even be considered! It tells me that there has to be a conflict of interest in the board members of any agency that would consider doing something so absolutely desecrating of the health and safety of the hardworking people of this nation!

Sincerely,

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